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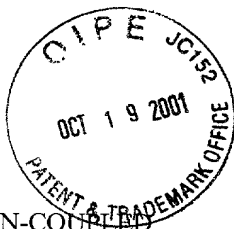
In re Application of:

Tai-He XAI et al.

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For: A NOVEL G PROTEIN-COUPLED
RECEPTOR, GAVE 3



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:


In the Specification:

On page 78, line 4, after "(5'-CAG", replace "U" with -T--.

REMARKS

By the present amendment, the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. Favorable consideration and early indication of allowance are solicited earnestly.

Respectfully submitted,


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(5'-TAATACGACTCACTATAGGG-3') (SEQ ID NO:8) and an M13 reverse primer (5'-CAG[U]TAAACAGCTATGACCAT-3') (SEQ ID NO:9). DNA sequencing

Example 2-Generation of Mammalian Cells Overexpressing hGAVE3

To generate mammalian cells overexpressing hGAVE3, mammalian cells are plated in a six-well 35 mm tissue culture plate (3×10^5 mammalian cells per well (ATCC Catalog No. CRL-1573)) in 2 ml of DMEM media (Gibco/BRL, Catalog No. 11765-054) in the presence of 10% fetal bovine serum (Gibco/BRL Catalog No. 1600-044).

The cells are rinsed once with 2 ml of serum-free F12 HAM media. For each transfection (six transfections in a six-well plate), 0.8 ml of serum-free F12 HAM media are added to the solution containing the DNA-lipid complexes (0.2 ml total volume) and mixed gently. The resulting mixture (hereinafter the “transfection mixture”) then is overlaid (0.8 ml + 0.2 ml) onto the rinsed cells. No anti-bacterial